12-19-03 @ EV. 346847688 US Process Mail" Mailing Labe 12/17/03 Attorney's Docket No. 033248-017 1 7 2003 IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE Patent Application of Group Art Unit: 1616 Darja Ferčej Temeljotov et al Examiner: Sharmila S. Gollamudi Application No.: 09/913,752 Confirmation No.: 5309 Filed: November 21, 2001 RECEIVED DIRECTLY COMPRESSIBLE MATRIX For: FOR CONTROLLED RELEASE OF SINGLE DAILY DOSES OF **TECH CENTER 1600/2900 CLARITHROMYCIN** REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER MAIL STOP RCE Customer No. 2 1 8 3 9 Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir: Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the [X] \$385.00 (2801) [] \$770.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e). Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments not be 1. [] A. entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified in item 2 below. Applicant(s) previously submitted the following documents for which continued [] B. examination is requested: Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on Other:

The following documents are enclosed with this submission:

for in this application prior to this submission:

The fee is calculated below on the basis of the highest number of claims already paid

Information Disclosure Statement (IDS).

Small entity status is hereby claimed.

No additional claim fee is required.

Amendment/Reply.

Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s).

Other: Return Postcard

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Basic Fee					\$770.00 (1001)	
Total Claims		MINUS 20 =		× \$18.00 (1202) =		
Independent Claims		MINUS 3 =		× \$86.00 (1201) =		
If multiple dependent	claims are p	resented, add \$290.0	00 (1203)			
Total Fee					·	
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4.	[X]	A check in the amount of \$ _	495.00	is enclosed for the fees due.
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- 5. [] Charge \$ _____ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800 for the fee due.
- 6. [] Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least _, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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